



## Career Seminar & 20 Years of Doctoral Training in Biocenter Oulu Doctoral Programme

**Time:** December 15 at 8:45-11:30  
**Place:** Leena Palotie Auditorium, Kontinkangas Main Building (Aapistie 5A)  
**Organizer:** Biocenter Oulu Doctoral Programme (BCO-DP)  
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**The event is open to all. Please register no later than December 9:**

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### Programme

- 8:45-9:00 *Welcome and introduction:*  
**Johanna Myllyharju**, Scientific Director of Biocenter Oulu  
**Markku Juntti**, Dean of the University of Oulu Graduate School  
**Seppo Vainio**, Director of the Biocenter Oulu Doctoral Programme
- 9:00-9:20 *When and how it all started with the Biocenter Oulu Graduate School – seen by the first BCO coordinator:*  
**Erja Heikkinen** (Counsellor of Education, Ministry of Education and Culture)
- 9:20-9:50 *How it continued and developed in Oulu and in Finland: Former BCO/BCO-DP coordinators:*  
**Sinikka Eskelinen** (Director, Strategic Research Services, UO)  
**Pekka Kilpeläinen** (Research Manager in CEMIS-Oulu/Kajaani, UO)  
**Anthony Heape** (Coordinator, University of Oulu Graduate School, UO)
- 9:50-10:20 *Coffee break (30 minutes)*
- 10:20-11:05 *BCO(-DP) alumnis' interesting career stories in science and beyond: What have you done with your PhD?*  
**Maritta Perälä-Heape** (Director, Center for Health and Technology, UO)  
**Malin Sund** (Professor of Surgery, Chief Surgeon, Umeå University, Sweden)  
**Lauri Eklund** (Principal Investigator, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, UO)  
**Kati Takaluoma** (Science Adviser, Health Research Unit, Academy of Finland)
- 11:05-11:15 *Perspectives of a current BCO-DP trainee: What can you do with your PhD?*  
**Abhinandan Murthy** (Doctoral student, Faculty of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine, UO)
- 11:15-11:30 *Closing words:*  
**Ritva Saastamoinen**, Coordinator of the Biocenter Oulu Doctoral Programme
- [Group photo](#)

**Welcome!**